

AGENDA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008

7:00 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL - 45 LYON TERRACE  
BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

City Council Citation: Recognition of Unitarian Church of Westport for their support of Beardsley School Students.

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**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):**

- \*90-07** Budget and Appropriations Committee report re Approval of General Obligation Bonds – Five Year Capital Plan for Fiscal Year 2009 – 2013 (\$44,929,643).

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:**

- 50-07(S)** Budget and Appropriations Committee report re Amending Five – Year Capital Plan for Fiscal Year 2009 - 2013.

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7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace  
Bridgeport, Connecticut

**ATTENDANCE:** Council members: Crowe, Colon, Brantley, Walsh, McCarthy, Lyons, Bonney, Blunt, dePara, Silva, Valle, Martinez, Paoletto, Curwen, Baker, Holloway

**ABSENT:** Council members: Brannelly, Santiago, Austin, Vizzo-Paniccia

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. He welcomed members of the Unitarian Church that were visiting tonight. He expressed that they were always looking for members of a faith based community to help out with Bridgeport schools.

Prayer - the prayer was offered by Janet a member of the Unitarian Church.

Pledge of Allegiance – the pledge was led by a member of the Unitarian Church.

Mayor Finch asked for a moment of silence in the passing of Attorney Sedensky.

City Council Citation: Recognition of Unitarian Church of Westport for their support of Beardsley School Students.

Council member Curwen and Valle approached the front of council chambers to present the citation to the Unitarian Church.

*Council member Curwen* stated that before them was a group of people that have been wonderful to the students at Beardsley School. He expressed that he has seen the labor of their works and he stressed that the things they do were truly welcomed and appreciated. He commended the members of the church for how they go out of their way to volunteer and donate their time from the heart.

*Council member Valle* recalled a 100-year old structure with (600) youngsters attending at Beardsley School. She relayed that for five years, a group of individuals walked into the school to help and dedicate their time and resources and they also recognized the student's potential. She further expressed that inside the Unitarian Church were angels who have touched many lives and put a smile on many a face. She shared her own personal experience, wherein she has observed how they have embraced each person and formed a friendship throughout the school that will last forever. She mentioned the numerous good works they have contributed to, all to the enhancement of the students and the school. She said it has truly been a wonderful thing that has been done selflessly.

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Mayor Finch read the citation that highlighted the city council's sincerest congratulations to the church in recognition of the support they have extended to Beardsley School.

Council President McCarthy expressed his thanks on behalf of the entire city council, for the good work the church has done. He commented that when they all work together, good things can happen!

*A group picture was taken with the church members and some of the council members.*

Roll Call - the acting city clerk took the roll and announced there was a quorum.

\*Council member McCarthy mentioned that Council member Brannelly had a work commitment and was unable to attend the meeting.

\*Council member Vizzo-Paniccia was ill and unable to attend the meeting.

### **COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

Mayor Finch asked for a motion to approve page 1:

\*\* **COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE**  
\*\* **COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED**

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**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):**

The acting city clerk asked if there were any items to remove from the consent calendar.

Council member Walsh requested to remove item \*90-07.

Council member Curwen stated that the item passed unanimously in committee.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE**

Council member Walsh raised some opposition to the second to last paragraph of the resolution *as read*. He stated that the city charter reads that the city council has the right where it pertained to bond authorization. He stressed that if the language remained, it would result in the city council surrendering their powers. He stated that he would vote against the item, unless the language was removed.

A roll call vote was taken:

**\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH THIRTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND THREE VOTES IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBERS: WALSH, BONNEY and HOLLOWAY)**

**\*90-07** Budget and Appropriations Committee report re Approval of General Obligation Bonds – Five Year Capital Plan for Fiscal Year 2009 – 2013 (\$44,929,643). – *removed from consent calendar*

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:**

**50-07(S)** Budget and Appropriations Committee report re Amending Five – Year Capital Plan for Fiscal Year 2009 - 2013.

Council member Curwen stated the item was in committee and was amended to incorporate three (3) schools for renovations: Roosevelt, Longfellow and Park City Academy. The amended amount was \$44,292,643.

\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE  
OF REFERRING AN ITEM TO COMMITTEE  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO REFER RE: AMERIDGE DRIVE as a CITY  
STREET TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (ITEM # 105-07)  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE  
OF ADDING AN ITEM FOR REFERRAL  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH MOVED TO REFER RE: RESOLUTION CO-SPONSORED  
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR BOND COUNCIL TO THE  
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE (ITEM # 104-07)  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*\*Council President McCarthy reminded all the new council members to see him to pick up their new badge.*

Council member Lyons requested support for Daquan Coleman, 13 years old who attends St. Ambrose School. He is a member of the north end little league team and he has an opportunity to

attend and participate in the Sports Ambassadors program in Vienna, Austria. She urged that donations be made where possible.

Council member Colon thanked everyone for the donations of food to the east side food shelter; St. Charles Food Pantry. She relayed that the donations help assist the unemployed and families. She also mentioned that the Fairfield County Food Pantry was in crisis.

*Council member McCarthy mentioned that Council member Santiago was unable to attend the meeting due to car problems.*

Council member McCarthy echoed the support of Daquan Coleman to make donations where possible.

Council member acknowledged her niece that was present in the audience, for graduating from Trinity College. She also noted that her niece was an alumna of Kolbe High School.

Council member Valle thanked Council member Colon for reaching out to the residents on the east side to address the shortage at the food pantry.

Council member Martinez also thanked Council member Colon and his colleagues who donated to the food pantry. He expressed that the gesture truly helps as food prices rise. He also noted that it was good to know what one can do to help out.

Council member reminded everyone that they cannot use their stipend money to fill out the order form.

## ADJOURNMENT

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham  
Telesco Secretarial Services